Cortex is a diverse and energetic community of **big thinkers** and **risk takers** who are working together to **change the world**.

We’re home to the St. Louis region’s highest concentration of research and technology companies. Our community is a catalyst for innovation that brings together problem solvers of all kinds — researchers, innovators, scientists, engineers, artists, doctors — with state-of-the-art resources, facilities and innovative programming to inspire and drive collaboration.

**CORTEX IS THE REGION’S EPICENTER FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP — AN ALWAYS ON, 24/7, LIVE-WORK-PLAY-LEARN DISTRICT, PERFECTLY POSITIONED IN AMERICA’S HEARTLAND.**

**CORTEX IS MORE THAN JUST BUILDINGS**
It’s an innovation community strategically built around the idea that together we can do more. Here, you have access to the most important resource of all: a diverse community of people who are big thinkers and risk takers.

**CENTERS FOR INNOVATION:**

- BioGenerator, The Center for Emerging Technologies (CET), Cambridge Innovation Center St. Louis (CIC St. Louis), TechShop and Venture Café. Together, these innovation centers provide critical facility and entrepreneur program resources, as well as a network of industry veterans who are ready and willing to share counsel and insights — and might even become the entrepreneur’s next partner.

- Cortex delivers the most robust offering of entrepreneurial resources in the region, with top-tier talent, venture capital and unrivaled support facilities. Concentrated in just under 200 acres, we’re home to five centers of innovation, 1.6 million square feet of office/R&D space, customizable lab spaces and the Cortex Commons, a beautiful 3.5-acre park in the center of the district.

- Companies of all sizes and stages find a welcoming home in the Cortex Innovation Community. The district offers a broad range of spaces at a variety of price points, including co-working options and large, corporate offices suitable for entire companies or departments.

- We are conveniently located in the heart of St. Louis, between two internationally recognized universities — Washington University in St. Louis and Saint Louis University.

- Our Innovation Community is surrounded by vibrant neighborhoods, cultural and academic institutions, retail and recreational venues, and major highway, bus and bike transportation systems. In 2017, Cortex will add a new MetroLink light rail commuter station that connects directly to downtown St. Louis and Lambert International Airport.
Cortex is where inventive people converge in creative spaces, resulting in a thriving, passionate community of entrepreneurs and innovators. This powerful combination is propelling ideas, people and the St. Louis region forward with unstoppable momentum.

Cortex is a collection of institutional, cultural, technology and commercial assets that, when combined, lay the foundation for companies to achieve success.

Our unique blend of space and community, supported by regional academic and corporate partnerships, accelerates innovation. Cortex companies are quickly connected to talent, resources, first customers and capital — resulting in a faster delivery of new technologies and products into the marketplace.

The progress taking place in Cortex permeates far beyond our physical borders. The breakthroughs of Cortex companies are elevating St. Louis and making our region a nationally and internationally recognized bioscience and technology hub; at full build out the Cortex Innovation Community will be home to 13,000 permanent technology-related jobs.

OUR FOUNDING PARTNERS:

Imaginative, determined and focused entrepreneurs come to Cortex to build something great and new. These bright minds make up our exciting, charged work environments and help foster each other’s creative spirits.

Top-level talent filters into the district through our strong ties to our founding partners, Saint Louis University, Washington University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, BJC HealthCare and the Missouri Botanical Garden. These researchers, innovators, scientists, engineers, artists, doctors and problem solvers provide a steady flow of new ideas and approaches, delivering the diversity of thought that is imperative to push innovative ideas forward.

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